

BRITISH FORCES SWEEP ONWARD,
PILING UP PRISONERS AND GUNS

Battle Line of 25 Miles Extends From Lihons, Six Miles South of the Somme River, to the Cojeul River, South of Arras

FRENCH FORCES PENETRATED FURTHER NORTH OF SOISSONS

Noyon and Roye Still Hold Out But Their Fall Seems Imminent—The German Counter-attacks on the British Have Failed

(By the Associated Press.)

Along the front in northern Picardy, a battle which seems to be one of the greatest of the war has developed.

Disaster is reported to be threatening the whole German army on this front, and the Germans are throwing great masses of men into the struggle in the hope of checking the tide of battle, which, dispatches from British headquarters say, is setting against them.

French troops have occupied the southern banks of the Oise and the Ailette between Semigny, south of Noyon, to the railroad bridge west of Coucy-le-Chateau.

South of Coucy-le-Chateau, they have reached the outskirts of Guny and Pont St. Mar. This progress brings them still further toward the rear of the German forces holding the hills north of Soissons and within three miles of the German positions north of Chemin des Dames, as they stood before the offensive of May 27.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 23 (by the Associated Press).—British troops this morning are reported to have captured Chignolles and Herleville, south of the Somme river. More than a thousand prisoners were taken in this operation, which eliminates the danger in the line. Field Marshal Haig's forces also are reported to have taken Boyelle and Boiry Bequerelle and to be still pushing forward. They are piling up prisoners and guns.

The British have reached Gommecourt, which is considered to be the chief point of the German defense positions.

South of Gommecourt the British this morning were attacking and pushing forward all along the line.

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The town of Meaulte, southeast of Albert, fell early in the British drive. The British troops pressing on here are crossing the Brya-Albert road.

Happy valley, to the north of Bray, was taken by Field Marshal Haig's troops after hard fighting.

Three German battalion headquarters have been taken in the locality of Happy valley. Additional guns also have fallen into the hands of the British.

A number of fresh new German divisions have been identified. They were rushed up in the hope of saving something from the disaster which threatens the whole German army on this front.

The latest report from the battle line says the British are reaching out in the direction of Tara hill, which is 1,000 yards beyond Albert.

FRENCH ADVANCED DURING THE NIGHT

Hold Right Banks of the Oise and Ailette Rivers from Semigny to Railroad West of Coucy.

Paris, Aug. 23.—Between the Oise and the Ailette, French troops advanced their lines during the night to Guny and Pont St. Mar, just south of the Ailette river. They hold the right bank of the Oise and the Ailette from Semigny to the railroad west of Coucy-le-Chateau, says today's war office statement.

The text reads: "During the night there was a violent bombardment between the region of Beuvraignes (south of Roye) and the Oise, notably at Plémost, Passel and Chilly-Oucamp."

"We hold the southern banks of the Oise and the Ailette from Semigny to the railroad at Coucy-le-Chateau. "East of Selins, French troops carried their lines as far as the outskirts of Guny and Pont St. Mar. "The night was calm on the rest of the front."

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS REPULSED

And British Have Gained at Several Points on 25-Mile Front, Says Official Statement in London.

London, Aug. 23.—A battle is being fought on the line between Lihons, south of the Somme, to the Cojeul river, south of Arras, a front of more than twenty-five miles, says today's war office statement.

The British troops are making progress at a number of points, the statement says, and adds that two enemy attacks east of Beaucourt were repulsed during the night.

THE CAPTURE OF ALBERT

Was Accomplished in Early Part of New Drive.

London, Aug. 23.—The fall of Albert to the British was announced in Haig's report last night, which was as follows:

"In our attack between Bray-sur-Somme and Albert we have been completely successful, capturing the whole of our objectives at an early hour and advancing two miles on a front of more than six miles."

"We have retaken Albert. "There was considerable resistance at certain points, especially on the slopes north of Bray, the town itself not forming a part of our objective."

"We have captured over 5,000 prisoners in two days."

"We captured in Albert 1,400 prisoners and a few guns."

"In counter-attacks in the Miraumont sector the enemy entered our positions, but was driven out. The same thing happened northeast of Achiet-le-Grand. Hostile attacks east of Couelles and east of Moyenneville were also repulsed."

WANT BONUSES ABOLISHED.

Mine Workers Say System Is Source of Discontent.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Request that an order be issued to coal operators to abandon the payment of bonuses to miners in favor of a flat wage increase was made to Fuel Administrator Garfield today by officials of the United Mine Workers of America. Before calling upon the fuel administrator, the representatives of the various district organizations of the United Mine Workers in conference with President Frank J. Hayes and other national officials formulated their demands for a wage increase.

Discontinuance of the bonus system was asked on the ground that operators thereby are competing among themselves, that the system results in a labor turnover that decreases production and is a source of discontent among the workers.

GOING TO CENTRAL AFRICA.

Harry A. McBride, U. S. Consul in London, Is on Special Mission.

London, Aug. 23.—A three weeks' trip up the Congo river by a steamer is in store for Harry A. McBride, of Detroit, United States consul in London, who left here recently on a government mission which will take him to Central Africa. Mr. McBride, who was formerly United States consul in Belgium Congo, expects to spend four or five months in Central Africa on business for the United States government.

Before departing for the Belgian Congo, Mr. McBride is to go to Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, having lately been appointed temporary receiver-general and financial adviser of the Liberian government.

HALF-HOUR FLIGHT.

By Big British Airplane from Interior of France to England.

London, Aug. 23.—A big British airplane, carrying its crew and nine passengers, has made the trip from France to England, it is announced. The whole journey from an airfield in the interior of France, to one in the interior of England occupied but little over a half an hour.

The test was made under routine conditions, with an ordinary service airplane of the largest type. The passengers carried a normal amount of baggage.

RESIGNED FROM SHIPPING BOARD.

Frank C. Munson Returns to His Steamship Line.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Frank C. Munson of New York has resigned as a member of the shipping board. It was learned today that he will return to New York to devote his attention to his duties as president of the Munson steamship line, believing he has accomplished the work—that of obtaining neutral ships for the use of the United States—which led to his appointment. His successor has not been named.

HOLDING AUTOPSY.

On Body of Mrs. Minnie O. Hall, Whose Husband Is Under Arrest.

Harrington, Me., Aug. 23.—The autopsy on the body of Mrs. Minnie O. Hall, whose husband, Henry H. Hall, pastor of the Union church at Wells Depot, is under arrest, charged with her murder, was resumed today.

The body was exhumed yesterday. Mrs. Hall was supposed to have died from injuries received in an accidental fall.

GERMAN EMPRESS ILL.

Sickness Said to Be Due to Overstrain from War Relief Work.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is ill at Cassel. Wilhelmshof, Hesse-Cassel, the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says, owing to overstrain from her war relief work. Empress William has left main headquarters for Wilhelmshof.

WOMEN WORKERS BENEFIT.

Are Given Increased Wages in British Munition Shops.

London, Aug. 23.—The ministry of munitions has ordered that the wages of women munition workers be increased five shillings weekly after Sept. 1. Girls under 18 in munition plants will receive an increase of half a crown.

AUSTRIAN OFFICERS IN DANGER.

Repeated Attempts on Their Lives Have Been Made.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—An official dispatch from Switzerland today says attempts against the lives of officers are increasing in Austria. It is reported that several commandants of Austrian corps have advised officers in the rear to have revolvers with them always.

GERMAN CITIES BADLY DAMAGED

British Aerial Squadrons Made Heavy Attacks on Five of Them

FIVE AIRDROMES ALSO BOMBARDED

The Railway Objectives at Frankfurt and Cologne Were Hit

London, Aug. 23.—Five important towns in Germany and five hostile airdromes were heavily bombed by British aerial squadrons on the night of Aug. 21-22, says today's British air ministry statement. Railway objectives at Frankfurt and Cologne, the statement adds, were heavily attacked and good results were observed.

AMERICA WILL NOT WAGE TRADE WAR ON PRESENT ALLIES

Chairman Hurley of Shipping Board Replies to German Propaganda Which Says That We Have Such Purpose in View.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—German propaganda designed to create dissension among the allies with stories that the United States will use its enormous fleet of transports and food ships for trade conquests after the war was the subject of a statement today by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board. He said every nation lined up against autocracy can be depended upon to detect the source of these suggestions and discount them.

"In building her merchant fleet America first of all to win the war and after that to overcome her own neglect to provide ocean transportation for her own trade," he said.

"To this end the people of the United States are preparing to develop transportation for their own trade routes, without disturbing the trade rights of other nations. It is unthinkable that a nation fighting shoulder to shoulder with the other democracies should turn its resources against the war against them for trade conquests, the nature of which were largely instrumental in causing the war."

THREE ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

Were Announced Today by the Navy Department.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Three accidental deaths were announced today by the navy department. Cornelius A. Grilly, seaman, of Tompkinsville, N. Y., attached to the U. S. S. Blackhawk, was drowned Aug. 13; Charles L. Roth, machinist mate, of Angola, N. Y., fell overboard and was drowned from the U. S. S. Cassin, Aug. 18; Orrin F. Hartig, Pittsburgh, machinist mate, was killed in an airship accident in Italy Aug. 17.

DECREASED DEATH RATE

In the American Army Training in the United States.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Health conditions among troops in the United States were very satisfactory during the week ending Aug. 16, the war department today announced. The death rate was 2.71, a decrease from the previous week. Total deaths numbered 119.

TO SERVE IN PALESTINE.

Men Who Enlist in Jewish Battalion of British Army.

New York, Aug. 23.—Men who enlist in the Jewish battalion of the British army were assured service in Palestine in a statement issued today by Major C. Broome White, of the British and Canadian recruiting mission.

HIGHEST IN NEW ENGLAND.

Price of Fresh Beef Reaches the Maximum Here.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Prices of fresh beef are higher in Washington than in any section of the country except New England, where the costly heavy western cattle are principally used.

MILITIA GUARDING TYLER.

Death List in Tornado-Torn Town Remains at 29.

Tyler, Minn., Aug. 23.—Minnesota home guardsmen today were guarding the ruins in the tornado stricken town of Tyler. The death list of 29 remained unchanged today. Plans are being made to rebuild the town.

HOOVER IS HOME.

U. S. Food Administrator Returns from Europe.

New York, Aug. 23.—Herbert C. Hoover, United States food administrator, returned today from his trip abroad.

GEN. MANGIN CAPTURED 5,000.

Another Big Haul of Germans in Two Days.

Paris, Aug. 23 (Havas).—Between the Oise and the Aisne during the advance of the British army, General Mangin's army took 5,000 prisoners, according to advices reaching Paris.

SAYS AMERICA DECIDED WAR

Canadian Premier Declares Our First Million in France Did It

NOT ONLY IN MORALE BUT IN FIGHTING

On Returning from Europe, Borden Tells of Favorable Impression of Americans

New York, Aug. 23.—Sir Robert L. Borden, premier of Canada, arrived here today after a 10 weeks' stay in England and France, firm "in the conviction," as he expressed it, "that never was the spirit of the allied nations more steadfast or more resolute than at present."

"America's mighty effort in sending more than a million men to France was the deciding factor not only in strengthening the morale of the allies but in bringing victory out of defeat on the western front," the premier said. "It is beyond question that the victories of the past four weeks would not have been possible except for the American divisions which have taken their place in the battle line."

The premier continued, "I have seen many thousands of American troops on board ships and in camps I visited. It is impossible to over-estimate the increased confidence with which the arrival of those mighty armies has inspired the allied nations."

"All Europe is impressed by their splendid physique, their resourcefulness and adaptability and remarkable rapidity and thoroughness with which they have acquired necessary training, and, finally, the magnificent fighting qualities they have displayed in every battle in which they have been tested."

"There is most effective and harmonious co-operation between the armies of the United States, Great Britain and France. From Sir David Beatty as well as from Admiral Sims and Admiral Borden, I know that this is equally true of the British and American navies."

EX-GOV. PROUTY'S FUNERAL

Attended by Large Number of People from Many Parts of Vermont.

Newport, Aug. 23.—The largest funeral ever held in Newport took place yesterday when former Governor George H. Prouty was laid to rest in Pine Grove cemetery. Representatives of Premier Borden of Canada, prominent men in the nation's business and political affairs, and others from all walks of life were present. More than 60 automobiles were in the procession from the church to the cemetery.

Previous to the services in the church, a private service was held at the late residence of the deceased. At the First Congregational church, the public services were held. Rev. John M. Thomas, president of Middlebury college, delivered the eulogy and Rev. L. A. Edwards also assisted. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Masons. Business in Newport was suspended during the funeral.

ALEADY SUBSCRIBING

To Fourth Liberty Loan Although Campaign Is a Month Away.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Although the opening of the fourth liberty loan still is more than a month distant, several hundred thousands of dollars in subscriptions have already been pledged to the loan by foreign language organizations in different parts of the country, according to reports to Hans Rieg, director of loan organizations among the foreign born citizens.

The Catholic Slovak ladies' union has subscribed \$100,000, and organized an active campaign among members for the loan drive. The union "condemned as unpatriotic all so-called peace talk and criticism of the officials of our government."

The Slovenian Catholic union has pledged \$100,000 of organization funds to buy fourth liberty bonds.

VERMONT OFFICERS RETURN.

Brig-Gen. Eugene F. Ladd, Who Was West Point Man.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Brigadier General Eugene F. Ladd, who has been in charge of the general officer section of the adjutant general's office, has submitted his resignation with the request that he be permitted to return to a retired list. General Ladd, who was appointed to West Point from Vermont in 1899, was retired in 1914 because of disability incurred in the line of duty.

MANY DIRECT HITS.

Were Scored By American Aviators in Bombing Raids.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—General Pershing's communique for Thursday says many direct hits were observed when American aviators successfully bombed the railroad yards at Longuyon, Audun-de-Roman and Conflans Aug. 21-22.

CARDINAL FARLEY BETTER.

But the Improvement Today Was Only Slight.

Mamaroneck, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Physicians this morning reported a slight change for the better in the condition of Cardinal John M. Farley, archbishop of New York, who is ill from hypostatic pneumonia.

PVT. WM. W. LEONARD OF BARRE TOWN KILLED

He Had Been in the Service Only Since Last February—His Mother Is a Resident of Washington.

Private William Wallace Leonard of Graniteville, a member of Co. A, 47th U. S. infantry, was killed in action on July 31, according to a telegram received by his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Little of Graniteville. He was in the same regiment and company as Private Wallace Lafayette of Barre and was killed on the same day as Private Lafayette met his fate.

Private Leonard's aunt, Mrs. Little, received a letter from him only a short time ago, it being dated July 12, in which he stated that he had not been in action yet but was eager to get at the enemy. News of his death cast a gloom over Graniteville, where he was well known and was well liked.

Private Leonard was born in upper Graniteville 26 years ago, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leonard, the former of whom died a short time ago. The mother is at present residing in Washington, this state. Since the death of his father, Private Leonard made his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Little. The young man was employed in the quarries, being last in the quarry of Boutwell, Mine & Varnum.

Just prior to joining the colors Private Leonard was employed in a munition shop in Springfield. He tried twice to enlist before he was accepted on physical examination. He was accepted in February, 1918, and was sent to Charlotte, N. C. After a short training he was sent across with the 47th regiment.

Besides his mother, Private Leonard leaves one sister, Miss Clara Leonard, who is living at the home of her aunt; a brother, John, who is with the colors, and another brother, Charles, who is at Cromwell, Conn. There are several aunts and uncles. The young man was a member of Court Rob Roy, Foresters of America.

THREE NEW TEACHERS

Will Be on Goddard Faculty at Opening of New School Year.

On the threshold of its half century anniversary, the old bell at Goddard seminary will ring in another year on the morning of Sept. 17, and already the impending registration of 18-year-olds to the contrary notwithstanding, the outlook for a large enrollment is very promising. Many first students are coming to Goddard for the first time this year, and most of the undergraduates will be back when sessions are resumed.

There are to be only three new teachers this year, as Goddard, in the face of an unusual shortage of teachers, has been able to retain most of its faculty. Miss Louise Buzzell of Houlton, Me., has been engaged to teach French and Spanish, succeeding Miss Edith H. Bradford, A. B. She was graduated from Colby college in 1911 and taught in the Ricker Classical Institute at Houlton, Me., four years, and for three years in the high school at Woburn, Mass., where she was an assistant in the commercial department.

Miss Beatrice Bosworth of Medford, Mass., a graduate of Medford high school in 1916, and of Burdett Business college in 1918, will be associated with the commercial work. During the last five months of her commercial course at Burdett she taught in the college night school. Edward McGinnis of the commercial department, who succeeded Charles L. Hoernle, is not to return, as he expects to join the colors.

For the teachers of science and athletic coach, Warren Joseph Sweet of Dorchester, Mass., has been engaged. He was graduated from Boston college in 1918. This summer he is taking the educational course at the Harvard summer school. At Dorchester high school, where he prepared, he was active in athletics, and his activities in that direction were continued at Boston college, where he had the advantage of the high class coaching with put Boston on the athletic map.

Carl L. Early, science teacher, and Miss Esther S. Cate, teacher of French, German and Spanish, are the other teachers who are not to return. The remainder of the faculty is to be made up as follows: Principal, O. K. Hollister, A. M., Litt. D., mathematics; preceptor, Miss Agnes M. Safford, English; Latin and Greek, Noah V. Barker, A. B.; history and economics, Robert S. Noble, A. B.; commercial branches, Miss Bertha M. Bridges, state teachers' training course; Miss Elizabeth Jenkins; piano, harmony and analysis, Miss Mary E. Lease; domestic science and drawing, Miss Grace L. Bulkeley; voice, Miss Lillian K. Morse.

OLD POLL TAXES ABATED.

Board of Civil Authority Cleaned Up Unfinished Business.

All poll taxes remaining on the books of the first constable for the years 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1912 were abated at a special session of the board of civil authority in the court room at city hall last evening. The meeting was convened to clean up unfinished business left over from the meeting a week ago. Most of the time was spent in going over the constable's books. F. G. Howland and Mayor E. C. Glysson spelled each other in presiding, and seven members, all told, were present.

Although poll taxes for the years already mentioned were ordered abated by the board, it is not the intention to make any erasures in the matter of property taxes, for the city council was directed to collect outstanding real estate taxes due in those years, or failing that, to sell the properties involved.

The poll taxes of Arthur St. John and Irving St. John were abated and rebated, respectively, because they are with the colors. Valentino Cerasoli's poll tax was rebated, as it developed that he, with his family, left town last September. The Gulf Granite Co. renewed its appeal for a partial rebate on its property, but the case was dismissed. Frank Hale's poll tax was abated because of his illness.

SANK BRITISH; LET SWEDISH GO

Steamer Diomed Torpedoed Off the Atlantic Coast

OVER 100 OF HER CREW WERE LANDED TO-DAY

U-Boat Commander Parleyed with Swedish Captain and Was Satisfied

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 23.—The British steamer Diomed has been torpedoed and sunk off the Atlantic coast. More than 100 of her crew, many of them Chinese, some severely injured, were rescued and brought here today by another British steamer.

A Swedish steamer, which also arrived here today, reported that yesterday morning she was held up by a submarine, but that after a parley with the U-boat commander, was allowed to proceed. The Diomed was a steel vessel of 4,700 gross tons. She was sunk Wednesday, last, about 125 miles east of New York.

GERMAN BOASTFUL.

Commander of Submarine Says He Sank the San Diego.

Portland, Me., Aug. 23.—A boast that the American cruiser San Diego was torpedoed and not mined was made by the commander of the submarine which captured the steam trawler Triumph and used her as a raider on the fishing banks this week, according to word received here today from Captain Myhre of the Triumph. The German officer also asserted that he sank the tank steamer O. B. Jennings and that the captain of the Jennings was a prisoner on the submarine while Captain Myhre was on board.

A number of Boston, New York and Portland papers were taken from the Triumph and the commander said he had been much amused in reading reports of how many times his vessel had been rammed and sunk by steamers arriving at American ports.

The commander said he had been out three months and intended to remain two months longer, in order to annihilate the fishing fleet on the banks.

NATIVE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. Edward Lewerner of First Street Died This Morning.

Mrs. Eulalia (Wright) Lewerner, wife of Edward Lewerner of 14 First street, passed away in the City hospital this morning at 2:30 o'clock. She had been in failing health for several months, but it was not until Tuesday that her condition took a serious turn. Yesterday she was removed to the hospital, where she submitted to an operation for appendicitis, from which she failed to rally. Besides her husband, she leaves her sister, Mrs. Katherine Northrop of St. John, N. B., and three brothers, Miles Wright of St. John, and William A. Wright and James I. Wright of Barre.

She was born Eulalia Wright in Kings county, New Brunswick, in 1866. Her marriage to Mr. Lewerner took place in Holt, Mont., in 1894. She had been a resident of Barre for the past 10 years. Mrs. Lewerner was an adherent of the Baptist church.

The funeral will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright, 36 Merchants street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is expected that Rev. B. J. Lehigh, pastor of the First Baptist church, will be the officiating clergyman. Interment is to be made in Hope cemetery.

WANTS VERMONT REPORT.

On the Operation of Work or Fight Order.

Gov. H. F. Graham received today from the war department a call for a report upon the recent work or fight order in Vermont and this morning Adj. Gen. H. T. Johnson sent to the local boards requests for an early report upon the results of the boards' investigations. The Washington country will have but little to do along that line as compared with the reports that have been received here from other states. Thus far only three cases have been reported to the adjutant general since the order went into effect.

Governor Graham also received an order this morning that the young men who are sons of Hebrew parents may register on Aug. 26 instead of Aug. 24, which is Saturday, and which is observed by the persons of that faith.

DR. THOMAS APPOINTED

As First Lieutenant and Chaplain in U. S. Army.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—The appointment of President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college, Vermont, as a chaplain in the United States army with the rank of first lieutenant was announced yesterday.

Rev. Thomas is 48 years old. He was for several years chaplain of the 1st Vermont infantry. He accompanied that outfit to the border, but resigned after letters bearing on the Mexican situation, said to have been written by him, were published.

Other Vermont men given commissions are: Second lieutenant, sanitary corps—W. J. Donnelly, 11 Green square, Proctor; John B. Smith, Ludlow.